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REMARKS

Claims 1-144 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment replaces those originally presented claims with new claims 145-186. Accordingly, claims 145-186 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant preliminary amendment.

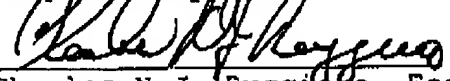
The specification has been amended to correct several obvious errors. Specifically, paragraph 47 has been amended to change "fuses" to "fused". Additionally, paragraph 100 has been amended to change "7b" to "7a", which is the figure that includes elements 42a and 42b.

New claims 145-186 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is most earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the specification. The attached page is captioned "Marked Up Version to Show Changes Made". If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, they are invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

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MARKED UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 47 as follows:

An underwire channel section 24 is provided within the blank 10 to receive therein or thereon a channel member 50 which, in turn, receives an arcuately or "U"-shaped wire (not shown) of metal or plastic of the type employed in brassiere design for enhanced cup perimeter shaping and breast support. A channel member 50 is provided for each of the two cups of the bra. The channel members are attached to one layer of the fabric of the laminate, preferably on a facing surface thereof that will be interior to the laminate when it is glued together, prior to assembly and gluing together of the several layers of the laminate. The channel members 50 are typically stitched to the surface of the layer of fabric to which they are to be attached, however, they may also be glued in place or [fuses] fused to the fabric.

Please amend paragraph 100 as follows:

In addition to a triangular or an extended central gore for a back-closure type bra, further inserts 42a, b (shown in dashed lines only in FIG. [7b] 7a), made of the same material as the gore (e.g., a polyester knit, especially a circular polyester knit), or of a material having elastomeric properties to stretch along with the fabric of the side and end panels where they are themselves made from an elastomeric material (e.g., spandex),

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can be inserted in the side and end panels of any type of bra, front or back closure or tubular, and underwire or softcup, to provide additional stability and support to the side and end panels. These additional inserts or panels are optional. Such panels are typically rectangular, oblong, or are elongated with curvilinear shaped ends and or portions.